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Mid pleasures and palaces
Though I may roam
Be it ever so humble
There is no place like home
A charm from the skies seems
To hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world
Is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home! Home! sweet, sweet home
There's no place like home.

An exile from home,
Splendor dazzles in vain:
O, give me my lowly thatched
cottage again!
The birds singing gayly
That came at my call
Give me these—
And the peace of mind
Dearer than all!
Home! Home! sweet, sweet home
There's no place like home.

Onward Class Baseball Team.

The Great Victory.

The Onward Class Team played the last schedule game of the season on July 30th with Grace Congregational church on the Grace church grounds. The score was 8 to 3 in favor the Onward class. The Grace team was considered the strongest team in the league until the excellent playing of the Onward boys defeated them. Had our team gotten together earlier in the season there is little doubt we could have secured first place in the league.

Onward Class Items.

It is a noticeable fact that our attendance has suffered less this summer than that of any other class. During the past two months it has averaged 20, which is only four less than the average during April and May. Our highest attendance has been thirty-five, reached May 22nd. Our present enrollment is 58. We are glad to note the addition of new members to the class almost every Sunday. Under these encouraging conditions, the outlook for fall, when several of our members will return, is certainly promising.

There has been raised $47.50 of the $100 which the class pledged for Raymond Chapel. We hope to raise more than the amount of our pledge.

On Monday, July 11th, we enjoyed a social evening.

The Loss of Workers.

We have lost many devoted workers and most faithful friends during the past six months, most of whom we hope will return and take up their work to which their best efforts were given, with marked success, for many years. Of the number there is one who will probably never again be counted as a member of our school though she will doubtless continue in the Master's service, and "when the roll is called up yonder" she will be there.

With feelings of deepest sorrow and regret, we were called upon the past week to say good-bye to one who for the past ten years, has been one of the most devoted workers both in our Sunday School and church, but it is in the Primary Department of our school where she will be the most missed, and whose place it will be almost impossible to fill. For ten years, in stormy weather as well as in fair, she has been at her post of duty every Sunday morning at 9:30, unless sickness or absence from the city prevented.

Not only was she ever faithful in the performance of the special task and most important duty assigned her, but was al-

ways ready and willing to do anything she could to further the interest of the school. She loved the work and her co-workers and all loved her.

What is our loss is another school's gain and while we deeply regret her departure, we congratulate the members of the First Baptist Church of South Haven, Mich., on adding to their number such a devoted worker and sweet Christian character.

Miss Jessie Lindley carried with her the love and best wishes of all. May God richly bless her work in her new church home.

The Church at Work

Christian Endeavor

Miss E. M. Pickett, Dept. Editor

It is evident that Christian endeavor does not wilt and fade in warm weather. We not only have large interesting meetings, but also carry on with good success the out door meeting Monday evenings. This is the best chance any one can have for evangelistic work. It is a help to us and will be to you. Come and help.

We take pleasure in welcoming several new members this month—Miss Maude Robinson, Mr. Frank Titterington Mr. Walter Leland, Mr. Frank Walters and Miss Mabel Shane. Since the first of June we have added twelve to our membership. At the last South Division Rally our reported increase was such as to tie us with the Plymouth Society in the contest for the banner. They will hold the banner until September when it comes to us. Then we want to keep it permanently.

Rev. A. E. Manning of the City Mission Society gave us, as he never fails to do, a very interesting talk at the missionary meeting.

Friday evening, July 22nd, the topic "How to break down the spirit of caste" Jas. 2:1-9, Matt. 23:8-12, in charge of our social committee was taken up, not only in a short praper meeting, but was put into practice in the social that followed. Every one enjoyed the unique combination of promenade, music and conversation upon selected topics, and also the candy hunt which served as ample refreshment for the lucky ones.

South Division Christian Endeavor.

In as much as the resignation of Dr. McAfee from the pastorate of the Fourth Presbyterian Church takes from the South Division C. E. Union one of its best friends and helpers, the Union officers thought best to arrange for an extra rally June 21st in order that we might receive a parting message from him. The extra work was well worth while for the message on "The Chief end of Christian Endeavor," was intensely interesting and inspiring. A delightful social time was enjoyed at the close of the rally in the parlors of the church.

Christian Endeavor Echo Rally

A number of our young people attended a splendid echo rally of the Springfield Biennial State Christian Endeavor Convention, held in the First Presbyterian Church of Engelwood, Thursday evening, July 28th. Judging from the "echo" the original must have been one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held. Brief interesting reports were given by five delegates selected from the three divisions of the south side. The convention theme was "Abiding in Christ." After the convention some of the delegates spent a jolly time attending the Chautauqua at Decatur with Pres. Marcusson as chaperone. He brought home to us some of the "merry echoes" in his "Decatur Snap Shots." Hay rides, camp fires, and other wholesome amusements Christian Endeavorers enjoy so keenly when out on a lark together, were new features at our state convention and pronounced a big success.

Sunday School

R. J. Pickett, Dept. Editor

(Owing to the absence from the city of of the editor of this department, no article was published in our July issue.)

The school exists, though suffering very much from the fact of many teachers and scholars being away on their vacation.

The greater general business prosperity the more go away in the summer—and more are absent this year than ever before.

There is one consolation: our school is not the only one thus effected—we are told it is fully as bad in other schools.

We would urge all teachers who are in the city to make an effort to attend regullarly and also, do all in their power personally to have their scholars present.

Children's Day

Children's Day, which occurred June 12, was one long to be remembered by not only all connected with the Sunday School, but by the members of the church who were fortunate enough to be present.

"The little tots," on the temporary platform, made a most interesting and lovely picture.

Those of the Primary and Intermediate departments filled most of the floor space of the auditorium—the congregation occupying the extreme rear seats and the gallery.

The decorations, of palms and peonies, were beautiful and tastefully arranged.

The program was a most excellent and appropriate one, and all who took part did themselves great credit and were an honor to the school.

The speaker was Uncle Boston Smith, who is known to most every Sunday School in America as "Uncle Boston." His talk was along his usual lines, and given as only he can, for there is but one "Uncle Boston." All were deeply interested in what he said and especially the children, and many names were added to his already long list of nephews and nieces. It was indeed fortunate that he could be with us. May God richly bless his work everywhere, and may we have the pleasure of another visit form him ere long.

Great credit is due Mrs. H. F. Googins, and those associated with her on the committee, for both program and decorations, and they have the sincere thanks of the superintendent and entire school.

"The Master's Little Busy Bees"

The Master's "Little Busy Bees" of the Primary department, keep at work for Him the year round. Summer and winter they are making sacrifices, and saving their pennies to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ among those less fortunate than they.

The last quarter, ending July 1st, they contributed $25.00, and voted that $20.00 be given to our dear sister and devoted mission worker, Miss Pickett, for her work among the Chinese.

May God bless the little ones of the "Fisher Mission Band," and lead all of us, to not only encourage them in the great work for the Master, but to follow their example. "A little child shall lead them." May Jesus hear and answer their prayer:

"Jesus take the gift we bring Thee,
Give them something sweet to do.
May they teach some soul to love Thee,
Jesus may we love thee too."

Raymond Chapel

Charles H. Coyle. Dept. Editor

We are very glad that the question of of our temporary quarters has been finally and satisfactorily settled. Our brethren of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church have offered us the use of their house at 31st and Bonfield streets for our Bible School, prayer meetings and for union preaching services Sunday evenings, the expense to us to be but a trifle more than the former cost of caring for the old Mission building. Their offer has been accepted. It has taken a little time to arrange matters satisfactorily for all concerned but our Presbyterian brethren seem as glad to have us share their church building as we are to be so warmly received in such comfortable quarters.

We hope for a season of vigorous and effective work from now on in all branches of our work. Supt. Austermell is devising plans for increasing the size and usefulness of our school and Bro. Embree is stirring up everyone to help him make our meetings more attractive and helpful.

Under the auspices of the Moody Bible Institute meetings have been held every

night for the last month in a tent at 31st Street and Union Avenue. "Tom" Mackey has been in charge and many souls were lead to the Savior.

Mrs. Hackendahl met with a painful accident three weeks ago while enjoying an outing in Wisconsin with Mr. Hackendahl and their family. She stumbled while descending a hill and injured her foot and ankle so badly that she is still unable to walk. We trust she may be restored quickly.

Mr. Lubbens is making slow but sure recovery from the injuries received several weeks ago in a street car collision.

For several weeks we have missed Mr. and Mrs. Saker from our meetings. Their son Roy is visiting in Lockport.

A number of our members accompanied the Doremus Sunday School on their ill-fated excursion, July 13th, but we are thankful that none were among the hurt.

The Building Bricks continue to come in and we now have about forty dollars received from that source. The children take great interest in a more or less impressive model of a church built of these bricks which adorns our Sunday School room.

Our ranks are being thinned by the usual summer exodus. Miss Margaret Miller is at Manitou, Colo., Miss Coush at Valparaiso, Ind., Miss Webb and Miss McKenzie are about to start for Canada; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Williamson and Miss Grace Williamson are at Point aus Barques Miss Pascius is to visit Milwaukee; Messrs. Ole Olson, Desmond Hall, Horace Wigney and Louis Reeder senior and junior "did" the St. Louis Fair together. Miss Shrigley will be greatly missed from the Primary Department while she is on her vacation in Bloomington, Ill.

Raymond Mission of the Past.

The purchasers of the old Mission building are having a good deal of trouble to get it where they want it. It is reported that the purchaser represents a club that desires to use it for a hall for dances, etc. Difficulties in the refusal of property owners to give the necessary permission have balkd thir plans. While we are through with the old building we all hope it may not be turned to such base use.

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Attendance At Communion.

There is no better mark of an earnest Christian life than regular attendance at the Lord's Supper. If we do this in remembrance of Him each communion season we will remember Jesus Christ between the special seasons of communion. All the church family should set down to the Lord's table together. Good excuses for not attending this service are hard to find. If you can't come to any other gathering of the church come to the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Picnic

The recent disaster to the Sunday School picnic train makes us more than ever satisfied that it is wiser to hold our picnic in the city parks. The danger from every source is reduced to the minimum. Many more people can attend with less inconvenience; those who are compelled to work all day can come for the evening.

In spite of the rain our picnic this year was enjoyed by all. The well conducted races, the ball game, tennis, golf and boating filled the day with pleasure.

Our Summer Services

Our pastor's request that we give the visiting preachers a First church welcome has been complied with to a pleasing extent. All the services thus far have been well attended. An especially good indication of faithfulness has been the large attendance at our Wednesday evening prayer meeting. July 27th we had the largest meeting of any since the writer has been with the church. Let us all carry this spirit of enthusiasm and interest into the fall work and make it the best year the First Church has ever known.

Our Recent Loss

For the past ten years Brother John Lindley, his wife and daughter, have been active workers in the church. In 1901 Brother Lindley was elected to the office of Deacon for three years and in January '04 he was re-elected for three years more. Mrs. Lindley has been active in many departments of the church but especially in the Ladies Benevolent Society. Miss Jessie Lindley has been an invaluable helper in the Sunday School and a member of the baptismal committee. On the evening of July 25th, a company of friends gathered in the lecture room and tendered a farewell social to our beloved deacon and his family. We are sorry to lose such valuable helpers, but we pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them in their new home.

Personal and Other Notes

Bro. Coon of the Englewood church, was a worshiper with us recently.

Helen Gale left on Tuesday for a visit with friends in Champagne, Ill.

Misses Blanch and Marion Pickett are spending their vacation at Bass Lake.

Prof. Stetson of Kalamazoo College, worshipped with us last Sunday morning.

We are glad to welcome home Miss Mary Lewis who has been for some months in Burlington, Ia.

August 14th, Dr. Kirtley of Elgin, will occupy our pulpit, morning and evening. Dr. Kirtley is to be the association preacher this year at Austin.

Mr. Wigney would be glad to receive pledges that have been made on the building fund. This money may be handed to Mr. Embree or Mr. Wigney.

Mrs. John Bass Shelton the wife of a South Carolina pastor, has been among our regular visitors during July. She is visiting her sister Mrs. Wm. M. Gureman Jr. at 3157 Prairie Ave.

We are sorry not to have a message from the pastor this month. He is taking a complete vacation as he said in the last issue. We will be glad when the time comes for him to be with us again.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Ketman for his address upon his trip to the Holy Land. A large company of people were deeply interested in his accurate description of the people and places of Palestine. The interest was manifested in the flood of questions which poured in until half an hour after the usual closing time.

The evening services this month at Raymond promise to be the best we have had for some time. Our young people's meetings never were better and the outlook is very encouraging for an agressive campaign this fall. Our workers are standing by the interests of the work royally.

O for that new building!

In the July number of Church Life, there was a mistake in the date in connection with the "Seventy Years' History" Dr. Northup's supply of the church for six months during Dr. Everts absence in Europe should have read 1869 instead of 1867. The history will be continued in the September issue, with the pastorate of Dr. Lorimer, 1879-1881. E. G.

On the second Friday in September (the ninth) the Women's Mission Circle will hold its next meeting. Madame Hakim, a Syrian, will tell of her own people in our city, and the result of work among them. Mrs. Ketman will give us the benefit of her recent visit to Palestine.

A social with light refreshments will mark this reunion after our vacation.

The Journal of the Church

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk

July 1, Friday—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Rhenisch. Topic: "Ways of consecrating ourselves to our country." Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17.

July 3. Sunday—Sermon by the Pastor, morning: "What is the Christian Life?" evening: "Our Comrades and our Character"

July 6. Wednesday—Church prayer and social service, led by Ass't Pastor Embree

July 8. Friday—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, led by Mr. Barron. Topic: "Some modern idols and how to overthrow them. Luke 12:15-21; Phil. 3:17-19.

July 10. Sunday—In the morning the Pastor preached upon "The Shallow or the Serious Life," and in the evening upon Souls that Pass in the Night."

July 11. Monday—Social meeting of the Onward Class.

July 13. Wednesday—Church prayer and social service, led by Ass't Pastor Embree. Topic: "Rest."

July 14. Thursday—Social meeting of Bible

Class C.

July 15. Friday—Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting, addressed by Rev. R. E. Manning of the City Mission Society.

July 17. Sunday—Sermon by Rev. P. L. Ketman, D. D., morning theme: "The Other Seventy;" evening: "To be or not to be."

July 18. Monday—Open air service under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society addressed by Mr. H. H. Van Meter.

July 20. Wednesday—Church prayer and social service, led by Ass't Pastor Embree. Topic: "Some Teachings of Jesus."

July 22. Friday—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, led by Miss Florence Kellow. Topic: "How to break down the spirit of caste." Jas. 2:1-9; Matt. 23:8-12. The meeting was followed by a very pleasant informal social.

July 24. Sunday—In the morning Rev. John M. Linden of Michigan City, Ind., preached on the topic: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation." The evening service was conducted by the "Gideons."

July 25. Monday—Open-air service, addressed by Ass't Pastor Embree.

July 27. Wednesday—Church prayer and social service. Dr. Ketman told of his recent trip to the Holy Land.

July 28. Thursday—Social meeting of Bible Class C.

July 29. Friday—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, led by Miss Alice Ulrich. Topic: "God's guiding hand in our lives." 1 Chron. 29:10-12; Luke 12:1-7.

July 31. Sunday—Preaching by Ass't Pastor Embree. Morning theme: "The Function of a Christian;" evening: "Preparation for Heaven."

Changes in Membership

Additions

By Baptism:

Laura Olff, 2230 Indiana Ave.

Mrs. Eliza Caldwell, 3112 Central Ave.

By Letter:

Miss Amanda Engelmann, 2551 Halsted St.

Miss Clara Engelmann.

Diminutions

By Letter:

Deacon and Mrs. John Lindley, Miss Jessie Lindley.

Raymond Drill Corps Notes.

Miss Hattie Weinman is spending her vacation at Gratiot, Wis.

Miss Nilda Manfroi is at Paw Paw Lake for a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Leona Wadie has returned from a two weeks visit in Valpariso, Ind.

Miss Rose and Carrie Maier have returned from a very pleasant two weeks visit at Fernwood, Wis.

Miss Sophie Olsen, Vice President of the Y. L. D. C., is spending her vacation at Beech Grove, Ill., where she will remain until September 1st.

Capt. Wiltshire has made the following appointments: 1st Lieutenant, J. I. Menkin; 2nd Lieutenant, Henry Schmuck. Both these appointments have been received with much favor by the company.

Miss Adeline Schmitt found the World's Fair a centre of absorbing interest during her recent sojourn at St. Louis. Capt. Wiltshire also spent several days at the Fair and enjoyed the remaining days of his vacation renewing old acquaintances at his former home in Rennsalaer, Ind.

Steps have been taken during the past week to procure the uniforms, and it is expected that the first public appearance of the Drill Corps in full uniform will be at an entertainment to be given at East Grove, Ill., to assist the people there in raising funds for the erection of a new church edifice in that town.

Since leaving the old building the Drill Corps has had no regular place to hold their weekly drill. This would have interfered with the work very seriously had not Mr. and Mrs. Minnich thrown open the doors of their home to the company and provided a very satisfactory drill ground by illuminating the open space adjoining their residence. For the past three weeks the company has enjoyed their kind hospitality.